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5. The Yablonka oil field was said to be one of the richest fields in the area around the Volga bend near Kuibyshev. Crude oil extracted there is considered as high-grade, and its gasoline content was said to be remarkably high. The maximum drilling depth was said to be 2,500 meters. The average drilling depth was between 500 and 600 meters. Gushers occurred at a good many drilling sites at depths as small as 100 meters and less, frequently even after drilling only a few meters. The number of self-flowing wells was estimated at about 25 to 30. Deeper wells were exploited by means of pumps. No information is available on the total yield, but a daily average of at least 3,000 metric tons was said to be shipped by tank cars and tankers. The quantities pumped through the large long-distance pipe lines must be added to this amount. When the Volga was not ice-bound, one to three tankers daily called at the wharves on the river.
6. About 2,000 to 2,500 P.S. and 300 to 1,200 Russians worked in three shifts at this oil field.

\*   Comment. A producing derrick (roorderturm) is a derrick over a producing well.

1 annex: Map of Yablonka Oil Field

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